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Re: Serial No. 09/538,417

Examiner Grant: Per your request, I attach hereto an outline of the issues I propose to discuss with you during the telephone interview scheduled for tomorrow (November 10, 2004, 2 p.m.).

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Outline of proposed discussion for telephone interview on November 10, 2004 (2 p.m.)

U.S. Patent No. 6,631,431 to Silvkoff is not relevant to the claimed invention

- claims are directed to a facsimile apparatus and method of controlling facsimile apparatus
- Silvkoff is not directed to facsimile apparatus, but rather to a semaphore coding technique for a CAN (Control Area Network) microcontroller [CAN is an industry-standard, two-wire serial communications bus that is widely used in automotive and industrial control applications]
- Silvkoff does not teach or suggest that its disclosure can be adapted for a facsimile apparatus